

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

I. Status of the Claims

Previously withdrawn claims 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 17 and 25 have been cancelled from the application. Applicants have also cancelled rejected claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12, 41, 42 and 50. Finally, Applicants have amended claim 38 to correct a minor typographical error therein (a semicolon being added at the end of the line wherein R₅ is define), and added new claims 53-58. Support for new claims 53-58 may be found in claims 2, 3 and 6, as originally filed.

Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment E, claims 36, 38, 43-49, 51 and 53-58 will be pending.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge allowance of claims 36, 38, 43-49, 51 and 52. Inasmuch as new claims 53-58 depend from allowed claim 36 (i.e., claims 53-55) or allowed claim 38 (i.e., claims 56-58), Applicants submit that, upon entry of this Amendment E, all pending claims are in condition for allowance by the Office.

III. Rejected Subject Matter

In view of the fact that all rejected claims have been canceled by this Amendment E, in order to further prosecution and expedite allowance of the above-noted claims, Applicants have not addressed the substance of the Final Office Action herein.

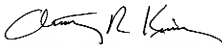
Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that a fee is due in connection with the submission of this Amendment E. However, if the Office determines that a fee is due, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 13-1160.

Respectfully Submitted,



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